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ECO-TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop Eco-tourism for the conservation of environment and forest;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): In the new National Tourism Policy, 2002, greater emphasis have been laid on eco-tourism whose parameters need to be broader than those of nature tourism alone. It must help in eliminating poverty, in ending unemployment, in creating new skills, in enhancing the status of woman, in preserving cultural heritage, in encouraging tribal and local crafts and in improving overall environment and facilitating growth of a more just and fair social order.